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An Office Action was mailed June 18, 2002, setting a one month period for response.

A response was mailed, by certificate of first class mailing on July 11, 2002, according to the personal knowledge of the undersigned, Barbara A. Wiley, secretary to Kenneth A. Benson, registration number 27,971. We became aware that a response was not received by a Notice of Abandonment mailed January 29, 2003.

Enclosed is a copy of the response signed by Mr. Benson, and a copy of the certificate of mailing signed by me. Further enclosed is a copy of the acknowledgement postcard as sent, and also a copy indicating a receipt stamp of the US Patent and Trademark Office.

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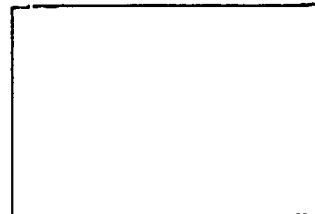
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